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SUB: NICARAGUA

I. I HEREBY WISH TO REGISTER MY DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT WITH APPARENTLY INEPT HANDLING OF US POLICY TOWARDS EVIDENTLY NATIONWIDE ATTEMPTS BY NICARAGUANS OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS TO DISLODGE UNPOPULAR, EXPLOITATIVE AND REPRESSIVE DICTATOR. DESPITE MY IGNORANCE OF WHATEVER BEHIND SCENES AND/OR DEEPLY CLASSIFIED U. S. ACTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN FAVOR OF INSURGENTS, OUR FAILURE IS EVIDENT THROUGH PUBLICLY KNOWN SITUATION INDICATING GUARDIA IS GETTING CONTROL OF COUNTRY AFTER PERIOD OF FRUITLESS BLOODSHED AND DESTRUCTION. I CONSIDER HYPOCRITICAL US AND OTHER GOVTS. PIOUS CALLS FOR QUOTE TRUCE UNQUOTE AND QUOTE END TO BLOODSHED UNQUOTE. IF SOMOZA INDEED REMAINS IN POWER AND MOREOVER IS ABLE TO WREAK VENGEANCE ON INSURGENTS THEN I CONSIDER PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY A HOLLOW MOCKERY. I BELIEVE THAT NICARAGUAN SITUATION REPRESENTED AND PERHAPS STILL REPRESENTS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INTERVENE FOR ONCE ON THE RIGHT REPEAT RIGHT SIDE. WHILE RECOGNIZING INTENTIONAL PROPAGANDA EXAGGERATIONS I FEEL DEEPLY SHAMED BY OPPORTUNITY FOR MOSCOW AND HAVANA RADIO EXPLOITATION OF WHAT TO MANY LATIN AMERICANS AND OTHER THIRD WORLDERS CAN ONLY APPEAR AS CONTINUED TACIT US SUPPORT FOR SOMOZA. AND I WOULD HOPE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF AMERICAN PEOPLE RECOGNIZES AND PAYS THE APPROPRIATE TRIBUTE TO THOSE COURAGEOUS NICARAGUANS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED AND CONTINUE TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES ON THE ALTAR OF FREEDOM.
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SUBJECT: DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE ON NICARAGUA

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1. FIRST, I WISH TO COMMEND YOUR USE OF THE DISSENT CHANNEL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISSENT CHANNEL PROCEDURES, YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECRETARY'S OPEN FORUM, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BUREAU OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR VIEWS WILL BE GIVEN PROPER CONSIDERATION IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEX AND FAST CHANGING SITUATION IN NICARAGUA. CHRISTOPHER

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